

**Introduced by Senator Denham**

February 23, 2006

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An act to amend Section 19481 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1464, as introduced, Denham. California Horse Racing Board.

Existing law sets forth specific responsibilities of the California Horse Racing Board.

This bill would include within those responsibilities the requirement to study the suitability of a synthetic racing surface, in order to determine whether such a surface will significantly reduce injuries to racehorses.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 19481 of the Business and Professions
- 2     Code is amended to read:
- 3     19481. In performing its responsibilities, the board shall do
- 4     all of the following:
- 5     (a) Establish safety standards governing the uniformity and
- 6     content of the track base and racing surface, inner and outer rails,
- 7     gates and gaps, turf, access and egress to the track, lighting for
- 8     night racing, equipment for horse and rider, drainage,
- 9     communications, veterinary services, medical and ambulance
- 10    services, and other track facilities in order to improve the safety
- 11    of horses, riders, and workers at the racetrack.

- 1 (b) Designate a steward at all horse racing meetings to be
- 2 responsible for enforcing compliance with safety standards.
- 3 (c) *Study the suitability of a poli-track racing surface or other*
- 4 *synthetic racing surface, and determine whether or not a*
- 5 *synthetic racing surface will significantly reduce injuries to*
- 6 *racehorses.*